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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-18 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The specification is objected to because of the following deficiencies:

Paragraph 0032, lines 5 and 6, and paragraph 0036, lines 5-7; Although the specification refers to a “plurality of adjusting elements 5211” being mounted on rotating set 521, it appears that only one of the elements is movable within adjusting groove 44 (see Figures 3 and 4). The other element appears to be mounted in a fixed position in the chassis 4. If both adjusting elements 5211 are rigidly mounted on rotating set 521, then both adjusting elements must be free to move rotationally about axial member 5212 of rotating set 521.

Paragraph 0032, lines 7-9; The operation of resilient element 5213 is ambiguous. It is unclear whether the resilient element 5213 is a tension or a compression spring.

Paragraph 0032, line 11; The term “member” (2 occurrences) should read “members”.

Paragraph 0032, lines 10-12; It is unclear how the stop members 5222 interact with the rest of the apparatus. Do said stop members restrict the rotational movement of the rotating set 521? If so, is the rotation of the rotating set restricted by said stop members engaging the top sidewall of chassis 4?

Paragraph 0036, line 4; The described "side to side" shaking movement of stop members 5222 appears to be contrary with the configuration presented in Figures 3-9. The stop members, per said configuration, appear to release the rotational movement of rotating set 521 by being pushed downward into the top sidewall of chassis 4 by a coin being advanced by the supporting elements 212 of rotating plate 2.

Paragraph 0036, line 4; The term "member" should read "members".

Paragraph 0036, line 5; The term "it" should read "them".

Clarification and correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-4 and 6-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The disclosure fails to adequately describe how the rotating set of the Applicant's independent claim 1 or the ejecting element of the Applicant's independent claim 10 operate due to the above-mentioned deficiencies of the specification.

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The term "resilient element(s)" (claim 1, line 8; claim 6, line 2; claim 7, line 2; and claim 14, line 4 (2 occurrences)) fail to comply with the disclosure (see specification paragraph 0032, lines 10-12 and Figure 4) and should read "resilient member(s)".

Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

Claims 1-4 and 6-18 stand rejected. Claim 5 has been canceled by the Applicant. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark J. Beauchaine whose telephone number is (571)272-6934. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM through 5:00PM Mondays through Thursdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick H. Mackey can be reached on (571)272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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